पर रखी सभी वस्तुओं तथा अत्यंत आवश्यक वस्तुओं की मूल्यसूची बाहर रख गए सूचनापट्ट पर प्रदर्शित की जानी अपेक्षित है । अत्यंत आवश्यक वस्तुओं के मूल्य साप्ताहिक आधार पर दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित करवा के प्रचारित भी किए जाते हैं । शाखा स्टोरों द्वारा बेची जाने वाली वस्तुओं के छूटांकन भी किया गया है तथा उनके मूल्य कैश रजिस्ट्रेशन मशीनों में दर्ज किए गए हैं । इनमें से किसी भी मामले में प्राप्त सभी शिकायतों की पुणरुपेण जांच की जाती है तथा जहां आवश्यक हो, केन्द्रीय भंडार सुधारात्मक कारवाई करता है ।

Functioning of public administration during political instability

2593. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to ensure smooth and effective functioning of the public administration during the period of political instability or uncertainty; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Sir

(b) The question does not arise

Problems of Assistant's cadre of CSS

2594. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem 'Defence Ministry staffer commits suicide', published in the Times of India, dated the 22nd July, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the incident exposes the insensitive approach of Government towards resolving the poblems being faced by the Assistant's Cadre of the Central Secretariat Service;

(c) the reaction of Government to the above incident; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure a better deal for the Assistants of the CSS cadre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Government is not insenitive to the career prospects of the Assistant's cadre of the Central Secretariat Service. In fact, while the rules provide for filling up 20 percent of the vacancies in Section Officers grade through direct recruitment, 40 percent of the vacancies of every year are earmarked for seniority quota and the remaining 40 percent ae kept for the more meritorious Assistants to be filled up on a limited departmental examination held through the UPSC. In order to maitain parity in promotion in seniority quota between the Assistants spread out in different Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India, every year a zone of consideration is issued for this purpose. In the last three years the number of persons who are promoted from Assistants' grade to Section Officers grade in the seniority quota as well as the Departmental Examination quota are as follows:—

Year	By seniority	By LDCE
1992	80	67
1993	120	102
1994	116	78